

VOLUNTEERLEON

Jeri Bush has been a volunteer manager for more than 25 years, and she currently serves on the executive committee for the Florida Association of Volunteer Resource Management, City of Tallahassee Community Advisory Committee and the Tallahassee Volunteer of the Year Steering Committee.

Bush is a past president of the Florida Association of Volunteer Centers, Florida Administrators of Volunteers in Government and the director of Volunteers Association. She has served numerous organizations, including the Red Cross, United Partners for Human Services, the Pandemic Flu Task Force, the Governor's Hurricane Conference and the Oasis Center for Women and Girls.

Bush has also served as Leon County's Volunteer and Donations Coordinator since 1994, and last year, she created Community Organizations Active in disasters (COAD) to streamline service delivery by bringing together all of the agencies that provide disaster relief services under VolunteerLEON.



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RESPONSIVE VOLUNTEERISM & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- VolunteerLEON's volunteers and interns contributed more than 130,000 hours of time, talent and skill to County government. Increased the number of students placed in internships, both in County government and community-based agencies, by 50%.
- Presented the Florida Administrators Volunteer Management Certification to 20 community-based agencies' managers of volunteers who completed the training. Additionally, VolunteerLEON conducted volunteer management workshops for the United Partners for Human Services Annual Conference, Florida Association of Volunteer Resource Managers, Tallahassee Senior Center, Council of Neighborhood Association (CONA), and conducted many nonprofit site visits for the purpose of training.
- Organized and participated in Disney's Give a Day, Get a Day program with dozens of partner organizations from Big Bend Homeless Coalition to Florida Blood Service. Program accounted for more than 1,500 volunteers who served more than four months and accounted for more than 10,000 hours of service
- Executed the \$25,000 Volunteer Florida Foundation Long Term Recovery Grant to provide long-term recovery assistance due to Tropical Storm Fay. All of the terms of the grant, including financial performance measures were met.
- Held a two-week-long youth leadership camp called "Camp Activate," designed to develop youths' sense of self identity and expand their leadership abilities. The camp promoted acceptance of diversity and taught strategies for non-violent conflict resolution.
- Fostered Directors of Volunteers Association membership and proved instrumental in tripling meeting attendance.
- Created online disaster portal that allows for the recruitment, training and tracking of County staff participating in disaster response and recovery.
- Created online Citizen Information Line and Volunteer Reception Center training modules to allow volunteers to participate easily from their desktops.
- Created a Cyber Volunteer Reception matching system that will connect volunteers to disaster-related needs within minutes instead of hours. The system can be used during small-scale disasters where power is not an issue, getting help out more efficiently.
- Conducted Hurricane Helper Online exercise to test the cyber volunteer matching system. The groundbreaking exercise attracted more than 90 participants from emergency management partners across Florida and around the nation.
- Assisted the State's Office Volunteer and Donations, Volunteer Florida with technical assistance in response to Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill.



DID YOU KNOW

Despite difficult economic times, the number of Americans volunteering jumped by 1.6 million last year, the largest increase in 6 years, according to a report released today by the Corporation for National and Community Service. A report found that 63.4 million volunteered through a formal organization last year, giving more than 8.1 billion hours of service.